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FOR AMBASSADOR AND M.G. JAGGERS

E.O. 11652: XGDS

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SUBJECT: MEETING BETWEEN US STATE/DEFENSE SURVEY TEAM AND
SUDANESE MILITARY

REF.: KHARTOUM 0190

1. BASED ON THE SUDANESE GOVERNMENT'S OFFICIAL REQUEST FOR
F-5'S AND AN AIR DEFENSE PACKAGE, PREPARATION OF THE DOCU-
MENTATION FOR FORMAL CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION WILL COM-
MENCE. HOWEVER, FOR RECORD PURPOSES AND PRIOR TO SUBMIS-
SION TO CONGRESS THE SUDANESE GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE ADVISED

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THAT A FORMAL WRITTEN REQUEST WILL BE REQUIRED.

2. WE CONCUR WITH THE POSITION YOU TOOK NOT TO INCLUDE
THE ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT LISTED IN PARA 2B OF REFTTEL IN THE
SURVEY REPORT. ALL OUR BRIEFINGS ON THE INITIAL SUDANESE
REQUEST FOR EQUIPMENT ON THE HILL AND ELSEWHERE HAVE
STRESSED THAT THE SUDANESE WOULD NOT AND SHOULD NOT RELY

SOLELY ON US EQUIPMENT BUT WOULD ADOPT A MULTINATIONAL APPROACH TO SATISFY THEIR MILITARY NEEDS. OUR NATO ALLIES HAVE BEEN BRIEFED ON THIS APPROACH ALSO.

3. IN OUR VIEW, FOR THE SUDANESE TO COME IN AT THIS POINT WITH A REQUEST FOR A LARGE NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL ITEMS COULD WELL JEOPARDIZE TIMELY APPROVAL OF THE F-5/AIR DEFENSE PACKAGE. (FYI. WE ARE CURRENTLY WRESTLING WITH THE DIFFICULT PROBLEM OF TRYING TO STAY BELOW THE ANTICIPATED PRESIDENT'S CEILING ON ARMS TRANSFERS IN FY 78; EVEN IN THE UNLIKELY EVENT APPROVAL COULD BE GAINED FOR THE ADDITIONAL MAJOR DEFENSE EQUIPMENT REQUESTED BY SUDAN, IT WOULD PROBABLY BE A LONG TIME BEFORE LOA'S COULD BE SIGNED AND THE ITEMS DELIVERED. END FYI.)

4. AT YOUR MEETING WITH NIMEIRI, WE WOULD CONSIDER IT USEFUL, NOW THAT THE F-5/AIR DEFENSE REQUEST HAS BEEN MADE OFFICIALLY, TO RECEIVE CONFIRMATION THAT FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL US-SUDANESE TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS, THE GOS WOULD BE APPROACHING THE SAUDI GOVERNMENT FOR FINANCING OF THE PURCHASE.

5. LT. COL. RHYNE'S OFFICE AND FAMILY HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED ABOUT THE CHANGE IN SCHEDULE. CHRISTOPHER

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